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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - CLIMATE CHANGE,  
THAILAND, AND NORTH KOREA

11. LEAD STORIES: There were no Monday morning papers  
because of a press holiday.

12. "U.S. Return to Make Emissions Trading Possible" On  
the Obama administration's participation in a recent UN  
climate change conference in Bonn, the  
business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (4/12): "It has  
now become certain that the U.S. will commit to the  
reduction of global warming gases based on a shared  
understanding with the Europeans of scientific  
estimates by the UN on global warming. The U.S. also  
made it clear that it is ready to coordinate with the  
EU concerning the introduction of emissions trading.  
The U.S. approach produced optimism among Bonn  
conference participants about progress on global  
efforts to address climate change."

13. "Thailand Bears Heavy Responsibility" On the 11th  
hour cancellation of the East Asia Summit by the Thai  
government, the liberal Mainichi insisted in an  
editorial (4/12): "The planned Asian conference was  
important in that it could have followed up on the  
accord reached at the earlier G20 summit in  
London regarding financial system stabilization. Asian  
countries were called upon to coordinate their policies  
to create additional economic demand in order to halt a  
further economic slide. Thailand's decision to cancel  
the meeting negated such political and economic  
opportunities."

14. "Thailand Urged to Restore Asian Trust in It"  
The liberal Asahi asserted (4/12): "Ever since the  
global recession started spreading from the U.S. last  
autumn, Asian leaders have failed to come together to  
discuss the matter. It was expected that the leaders of  
Japan, China, and South Korea would join with their  
ASEAN counterparts to come up with measures to rescue

East Asian economies. With the abrupt cancellation of the summit, East Asia appears to have lost a golden opportunity to have the international community heed their inputs."

15. "Japan Should Urge U.S., China to Enforce Sanctions"

On the apparent UN Security Council moves to adopt a presidential statement on the DPRK rocket launch, the conservative Sankei claimed (4/12): "It is regrettable that the USG has apparently changed its position on UNSC action against the missile launch. President Obama said on the day of the launch that violations must be punished. It is quite problematic that U.S.-Japan efforts to adopt a UNSC resolution have gone nowhere only within a few days."

15. "U.S. Turnaround" The moderate Yomiuri wrote from New York (4/12): "It has become apparent that the U.S. teamed up with China to press Japan into making a compromise on the UNSC response to the missile launch. This represents the Obama administration's attachment of importance to China.... A tough UNSC action was possible when the DPRK conducted a nuclear test in October 2006, as the U.S. and Japan jointly maintained a tough line to force China to come to their side. Such joint coordination (between Washington and Tokyo) no longer exists."

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